



# City of Benbrook

## CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 09/15/22	REFERENCE NUMBER: G-2581	SUBJECT: Approve Interlocal Agreement with Fort Worth Transportation Authority to provide transportation for elderly and disabled residents	PAGE: 1 of 1
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The City's contract with the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (Trinity Metro) to provide transit service to Benbrook residents expired on May 31, 2021.<sup>1</sup>

The program provides transit service to residents age 65 or older, or for disabled residents, at a subsidized fare of \$2.50 per one-way trip. The City's cost to participate in the program is \$7,529, and funds are budgeted annually for this expense.

Qualified residents may use the transit service for a variety of purposes, included medical appointments, shopping, recreation, school or work, excluding weekends and holidays. Benbrook residents are guaranteed rides on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On the remaining days, rides are available subject to the priority requests from other cities on a first-come basis.

Of the ten participating cities, Benbrook is the only city with guaranteed rides twice-per-week. The remaining nine cities are provided guaranteed rides only once-per-week. According to Trinity Metro, the additional guaranteed day was based on Benbrook's higher senior population percentage determined in calendar year 2000.

In past years, the Federal Transit Administration had awarded Trinity Metro grant funding sufficient to offer Benbrook residents guaranteed rides on Fridays too. Unfortunately, this year's funding is insufficient to provide Benbrook residents guaranteed rides on Fridays throughout the contract year, and will end after September 30, 2022.

Except for the guaranteed Friday rides, the terms and conditions of service and the annual administrative fee of \$7,529 are identical to the previous year's contract.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve participation in the Tarrant County Transportation Services Program for Elderly and Disabled residents, at a cost of \$7,529.

<sup>1</sup> The Trinity Metro delayed its contract renewal with the City this year as the Contract Services Director was out on extended leave. Contract terms were kept and there was no disruption in service.

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CITY MANAGER		DATE: